

REMARKS

Claim 20 is pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 4-8 are cancelled. No new matter is added.

Applicant appreciates that claim 20 is allowed. Accordingly, rejected claims 1 and 4-8 have been cancelled, thus placing this application in condition for allowance.

The rejection of claims 1, 4-5 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kreuzer, WO 92/06527 in view of Dickerson, U.S. Patent 4,541,575; claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kreuzer and Dickerson, and further in view of Umeda et al., U.S. Patent 5,955,810; and the rejection of claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kreuzer and Dickerson, and further in view of Umeda et al., Umeda U.S. patent 5,998,803, have been rendered moot due to the cancellation of claims 1 and 4-8. Thus, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claim 20 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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